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The President's Speech.

The speech of President Johnson has elicited an editorial from the New York Evening Post, under the caption of "Two Views," which we think, considering the Post's position, is entitled to reproduction. It contrasts the tone of the President's remarks with those of Mr. Stevens as follows:

Mr. Stevens does not trust the Southern men, and believes we are not safe unless we exercise all the rights and privileges of conquerors, by despoiling those we have conquer-ed. President Johnson, on the other hand, believes that kindness may be even more effective than violence, and that we are strong enough to accept the professions of the Southern men, and trust them to reconstruct their local governments under the Union.

Mr. Stevens is for confiscation of Southern estates; the disfranchise-ment of Southern men; the total suppression of the class which has no doubt been the leading class in the rebellion—the former slaveholders rebellion—the former slaveholders namely. The President, on the other hand, addressing a number of persons of that very class, told them that he would trust their professions of conversion; their assurances that they had seen the error of their ways; that he would help them and the Southern people in general to re-establish law, order, society, industry, all under the Constitution.

The President's idea of reconstruction, or re-organization, as he prefers, we believe, to call it, seems to us those of a statesman ready to work with the means placed in his hands, wise enough to see that his place is to oil the machinery of Government to prevent friction, and thus to get the ponderous and important engine to move with even more of its former smoothness. Mr. Stevens cares no-thing for friction; he believes in what seamen call "main strength."

After some other remarks bearing upon the same subject, the Post thus proceeds to define the country's position:

We are in the condition of a man and wife who have had a quarrel, to who have nad a quarrel, to whom a divorce has been refused, who cannot live apart. The President says: True, we quarrelled, but let us now act sensibly; let us join hands in friendship; we have destroyed that which bred discord between us; we have research to have research. have reason to hope for many peaceand prosp vears: le give offences, and try if by mutual and joint efforts we cannot do better and live more happily than ever be-

Recurring to Mr. Stevens' argument, the Post says:

Now, if we were not going to live with this partner again, if our interests were not identical, if her health and beauty and prosperity were not amongst our most vital interests, Mr. Stevens might be right. Or again, if she were not helpless, and loudly ask-ing for kind treatment, but on the contrary mulish, perverse, obstinate, determined to make further trouble, then it might be prudent in us to use certain precautionary measures, espe-cially if we had a doubt of our own strength and of her weakness. But this is not the case; the leading men of the Southern States, with a very few exceptions, promise to be good citizens; they accept frankly, and, as they assure the authorities most

many of the most eminent of them have already committed themselves publicly to use all their influence and energy and authority toward the es-tablishment and maintenance of freedom and equal rights in their States. Others, like General Lee and General Johnston, who have not made any such promises, yet have quietly en-tered upon useful industries, with the open declaration that while they do not like the issues of the war, yet they mean here after, while they stay in the country, to be law-abiding citizens.

Now, in this state of affairs we think it the part of wisdom in us, the stronger side, to eschew all mere measures of revenge. We are conquerors by arms, but we can afford to be conquerors also by kindness. Southern men profess publicly their readiness to do right—how can we spurn these professions? Even if we do not altogether believe in them; even if we believe that faults of temper and wrong theories of social life may so far embarrass them that they will not at once come up altogether to our hopes and expectations—can we not do more with them by trusting them, by throwing the responsibility upon them, by holding them to their pro-mises, than by embittering them? Speaking as himself a Southern man,

the President said :
"The issue has been made and decided; then, as wise men—as men who see right and are determined to follow it, as fathers and brothers, and as men who love their country in this hour of trial and suffering—why can-not we come up and help to settle the questions of the hour and adjust them according to the principles of honor and of justice? The institu-tion of slavery is gone. The former status of the negro had to be changed, and we, as wise men, must recognize so patent a fact and adapt ourselves So patent a fact and adapt ourselves to circumstances as they surround us. [Voices—we are willing to do so. Yes, sir, we are willing to do so.] I believe you are. I believe when your faith is pledged, when your consent has been given, as I have already said, I believe it will be a likely surrounded. I believe it will be maintained in good faith, and every pledge or promise fully carried out. [Cries—It will.] All I ask or desire of the South or North, the East or the West, is to be sustained in carrying out the princi-ples of the Constitution."

Are not these words of true wisdom ? And wherever we find them cordially responded to in the South, is it not wise to give a trial to those who profess their readiness to be good citizens? Some day or other they will have to be trusted. Is not now a better time than any other likely to come in the future? Is it for the public benefit that we should, under Mr. Stevens' ideas, maintain a state of war in the South? Will not reor war in the South? Will not returning prosperity, renewed intercourse, the voice of a free press, have their influence, all potent for good? And if South Carolina does not become Massachusetts in six months, need we be discouraged? Our work down there is not that of months had down there is not that of months, but of years; it is not to be completed by armies, but by the spread of know-ledge, the dissemination of correct principles; by convincing the people that justice and liberty are profitable.

EREDIMO fully the particulars of the late Polish rebellion come to light, the greater and graver appears the struggle of that unfortunate race. In making up accounts, the Russian Government have now discovered the significant fact that the number of people who ieft Warsaw to join the insurrectionary bands in 1862 and 1863 amounted to no less than 8,128, out of a popu-lation of 216,000. Of these, eighty-three were children, between ten and fourteen years old, 1,902 were beween twenty and twenty-five, 1,463 between twenty-five and thirty, 869 between thirty and thirty-five, 568 between thirty-five and forty, 376 between forty and forty-five, 207 between forty-five and fifty, 110 between fifty and fifty-five, sixty-two between fifty-five and sixty, forty-three between sixty and sixty-five, eighteen between sixty-five and seventy, nine between seventy and seventy-five, as they assure the authorities most four between seventy-five and eighty, solemnly, in good faith, the situation; three between eighty and eighty-five.

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